F: National Horticulture Mission

(Rs. in lakhs)

No.	Name of the State	Released 2005-06 (up to 6.3.2006)
1.	Andhra Pradesh	4420.96
2.	Bihar	3100.00
3.	Chhattisgarh	2037.83
4.	Gujarat	3239.28
5.	Goa	315.20
6.	Haryana	1050.00
7.	Jharkhand	2800.00
8.	Karnataka	4455.17
9.	Kerala	3533.98
10.	M.P.	2388.40
11.	Maharashtra	8260.28
12.	Orissa	3611.91
13.	Punjab	2868.82
14.	Rajasthan	2259.57
15.	Tamil Nadu	3891.67
16.	Uttar Pradesh	5340.25
17.	West Bengal	4035.31

Apple production

2413. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment has been made regarding production of apples in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether apple is covered under the Market Intervention Scheme of Government; and

(d) if so, the amount paid by the Central Government under this scheme to apple growing States during 2004-05 and 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA):(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The estimated apple production in the country is 15.216 lakh MTs. The State-wise area and production of apple is under:

State	Area (ha.)	Production (lakh MTs)
Arunachal Pradesh	7,900	0.093
Himachal Pradesh	84,100	4.595
Jammu & Kashmir	1,00,700	10.415
Uttaranchal	8,200	0.113
TOTAL:	2,00,900	15.216

(c) and (d) Ministry of Agriculture has been implementing Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for procurement of agricultural/horticultural commodities including apples, which are generally perishable in nature and are not covered under Price Support Scheme (PSS). Under the scheme, an amount of Rs. 169.33 lakh has been released to the Government of Himachal Pradesh during the year 2004-05 for procurement of 32,500 MTs of apples. Besides, sanction has been given for procurement of Apples in Jammu & Kashmir during 2004-05 and Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal during 2005-06, for which accounts are yet to be received from respective State Governments for release of Central share.